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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing travel services, the method comprising: receiving data from a client system to insert into a traveler database having traveler information for a plurality of travelers;

associating in the traveler database a subset of the plurality of travelers with a travel arranger;

receiving a request <u>from a travel arranger</u> for at least one travel service, the request identifying a traveler;

displaying a user interface providing the subset of the plurality of travelers associated with the travel arranger;

receiving through the user interface a selection of a traveler from the subset of the plurality of travelers;

requesting information regarding the at least one travel service from a Global Distribution System (GDS);

retrieving traveler data <u>for the selected traveler</u> from the traveler database; and displaying the traveler data in conjunction with the information from the GDS.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising: deferring a task related to the travel request; routing the task to a travel counselor for completion.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein routing the task includes determining the travel counselor to receive the task based on the type of task.

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4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein routing the task includes determining that a travel related service has become available.

- 5. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein routing the task includes determining a skill grouping for the task.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one travel service includes an airline reservation service.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one travel service includes a hotel reservation service.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one travel service includes a rental car reservation service.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one travel service includes a train reservation service.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one travel service includes a limousine reservation service.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein retrieving traveler data from the traveler database includes retrieving data regarding a previous itinerary and further comprising copying the data regarding the previous itinerary into a current itinerary.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein retrieving traveler data from the traveler database includes retrieving data regarding a first traveler's itinerary and further comprising copying the data regarding the first traveler's itinerary into a second traveler's itinerary.

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13. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
retrieving corporate travel data, said data including at least one travel policy;
determining a valid travel service option from the information from the GDS in
accordance with the at least one travel policy.

- 14. (Currently Amended) A computerized traveler service system comprising:
- a travel services component capable of being communicably coupled to at least one Global Distribution System (GDS);
 - a database management system operably coupled to the travel services component;
- a client database maintained by the database management system and having client information; and

a traveler database maintained by the database management system and having traveler information and an association of subset of a plurality of travelers with a travel arranger;

with the travel arranger upon identification of the travel arranger and to receive a selection of a traveler from the first subset of the plurality of travelers;

wherein the computerized travel service system receives data from a client system to insert into the client database and <u>further wherein</u> the travel services component presents graphical user interface (GUI) elements selected from the at least one GDS and the traveler database in response to a request.

- 15. (Original) The computerized system of claim 14, wherein the at least one GDS includes the Sabre system.
- 16. (Original) The computerized system of claim 14, wherein the at least one GDS includes the Galileo system.

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- 17. (Original) The computerized system of claim 14, wherein the at least one GDS includes the Amadeus system.
- 18. (Original) The computerized system of claim 14, wherein the at least one GDS includes the Worldspan system.
- 19. (Original) The computerized system of claim 14, wherein the at least one GDS includes an airline reservation system.
- 20. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the at least one GDS includes a hotel reservation service.
- 21. (Original) The computerized system of claim 14, wherein the at least one GDS includes a rental car reservation system.
- 22. (Original) The computerized system of claim 14, wherein the at least one GDS includes a train reservation system.
- 23. (Original) The computerized system of claim 14, wherein the at least one GDS includes a limousine reservation system.
- 24. (Original) The computerized system of claim 14, further comprising a call management system operative to forward requests to a user of the travel services component.

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25. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method for providing travel services, the method comprising: receiving data from a client system to insert into a traveler database having traveler information for a plurality of travelers;

associating in the traveler database a subset of the plurality of travelers with a travel arranger;

receiving a request <u>from a travel arranger</u> for at least one travel service, the request identifying a traveler;

<u>displaying a user interface providing the subset of the plurality of travelers associated</u> with the travel arranger;

receiving through the user interface a selection of a traveler from the subset of the plurality of travelers;

requesting information regarding the at least one travel service from a Global Distribution System (GDS);

retrieving traveler data for the selected traveler from the traveler database; and displaying the traveler data in conjunction with the information from the GDS.

26. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the method further comprises:

deferring a task related to the travel request; routing the task to a travel counselor for completion.

- 27. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 26, wherein routing the task includes determining the travel counselor to receive the task based on the type of task.
- 28. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 26, wherein routing the task includes determining that a travel related service has become available.

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- 29. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 26, wherein routing the task includes determining a skill grouping for the task.
- 30. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the at least one travel service includes an airline reservation service.
- 31. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the at least one travel service includes a hotel reservation service.
- 32. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the at least one travel service includes a rental car reservation service.
- 33. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the at least one travel service includes a train reservation service.
- 34. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the at least one travel service includes a limousine reservation service.
- 35. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein retrieving traveler data from the traveler database includes retrieving data regarding a previous itinerary and further comprising copying the data regarding the previous itinerary into a current itinerary.
- 36. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein retrieving traveler data from the traveler database includes retrieving data regarding a first traveler's itinerary and further comprising copying the data regarding the first traveler's itinerary into a second traveler's itinerary.

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37. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the method further comprises:

retrieving corporate travel data, said data including at least one travel policy; determining a valid travel service option from the information from the GDS in accordance with the at least one travel policy.